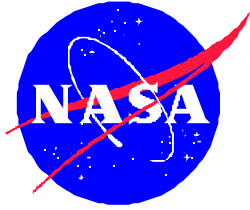


# **Foreign Participation in Earth System Science Pathfinder (ESSP) Missions**

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# General Guidelines

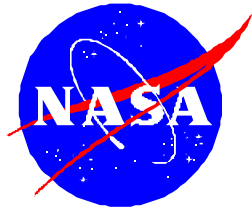
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- ☞ All ESSP mission teams shall be led by a single U.S. Principal Investigator.
- ☞ NASA welcomes and encourages participation by foreign individuals and organizations.
- ☞ All foreign participation will be on a no-exchange-of-funds basis: NASA and the foreign sponsor will each bear the cost of discharging their respective responsibilities.





# Letter of Endorsement

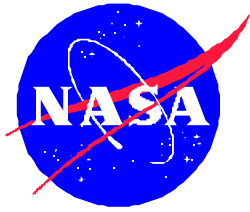
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- ☞ Proposals from U.S. entities that include foreign cooperation must have the endorsement of the respective government agency or funding/sponsoring institution in the country from which the foreign entity comes.
  
- ☞ Letters of endorsement
  - Describe the offered goods/services and their associated cost/value
  - Certify institutional support and sponsorship of the investigation
  - Certify concurrence in management & financial aspects of proposal
  - Signed by appropriate institutional or Government officials





# International Cooperative Agreements

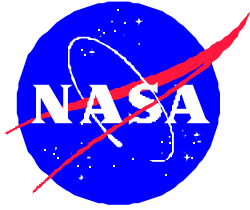
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- ☞ Should a proposal with foreign participation be selected, NASA's Office of External Relations will arrange for an agreement between NASA and the foreign sponsor for the proposed participation on a no-exchange-of-funds basis.
- ☞ Depending on the nature and extent of the proposed cooperation, these arrangement may entail:
  - (1) An exchange of letters between NASA and the foreign sponsor; or
  - (2) A formal Agency-to-Agency Memorandum of Understanding.





# Export Control

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- ☞ Foreign participation may require the U.S. proposer to obtain approval of the Department of State or the Department of Commerce via a technical assistance agreement or an export license.
- ☞ Proposals including foreign participation must have:
  - Section discussing compliance with applicable U.S. export laws and regulations
  - Detailed description of the proposed foreign participation
  - If approvals via licenses are necessary, discuss whether the license has been applied for or the projected timing of the application and any implications for the schedule.

